

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-407-C - ORDER NO. 2001-631

JUNE 28, 2001

IN RE: Proceeding to Consider Implementation of a) PROTECTIVE ORDER
Cap on Surcharges and Rates Associated with) ON AT&T TESTIMONY
Intrastate Operator Assisted Calls)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of AT&T of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) for a Protective Order for the protection of proprietary information contained in certain responses in the testimony of Suzette Drouillard in this Docket.

The testimony to be filed by AT&T relates to its market for intrastate operator-assisted calls, volumes of calls, and certain financial information regarding this service. Certain portions of Ms. Drouillard's testimony are alleged by AT&T to be competitively sensitive information which AT&T considers proprietary and confidential. AT&T states that if competitors are able to acquire this proprietary information, they could disadvantage AT&T in the competitive market place. AT&T is willing for the Commission to review the proprietary information for purposes of this proceeding.

After due consideration, we have determined that AT&T's Motion for a Protective Order is valid, in that certain information contained in the testimony of Suzette Drouillard is competitively sensitive information and should be protected. The Motion is therefore granted, and the information contained in the AT&T Proprietary

version of the Direct Testimony of Suzette Drouillard on behalf of AT&T shall remain confidential.

Interested parties may enter into confidentiality agreements with AT&T for the purposes of review of the proprietary version of the testimony in connection with the hearing, if it is necessary for cross-examination of AT&T's witness. We will also design an appropriate methodology for the hearing in this case which will ensure the confidentiality of the material referred to herein.

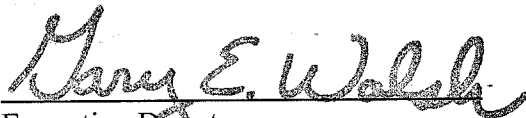
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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